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September 6, 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CARL DUCKETT, DIRECTOR
CIA RECONNAISSANCE PROGRAMS

SUBJECT: Deputy Secretary of Defense Directive on DOD Satellite-
Borne Earth Sensing Activities

You will recall our review, in early 1965, of NASA activities that were impinging upon the National Reconnaissance Program and our concern that the military departments were expressing requirements to the NASA or were proposing activities to be conducted by (or jointly with) the NASA, that properly fell within the scope of the NRP. As a result of our findings, Mr. Vance directed on August 30, 1965, that all agencies deal exclusively with the National Reconnaissance Office on all DOD needs for study, development, test, or use of satellite-borne image-forming earth sensors. The NRO was also designated the DOD point of contact with the NASA, as well as other governmental agencies, with regard to these activities.

Until recently, we had no major problems on the coordination of activities in this area. During the Spring of this year, however, we received several high-level civil and governmental complaints about the imposition of the requirement for an unprecedented DOD security review of all papers to be presented at a symposium on Remote Sensing of Environment organized by the University of Michigan, and sponsored by the Office of Naval Research.

While the Vance memorandum covered DOD activities involving study, development, test or use of satellite-borne earth sensors, it did not specifically require the coordination of symposia or papers for symposia; and, hence, did not legitimize our review of such activity. To correct this situation we have, in collaboration with the DDR&E, updated the Vance memorandum to:

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1. broaden the scope from "satellite-borne image-forming earth sensors" to "satellite-borne earth sensors" to insure that we get a look at everything.

2. broaden the scope by defining "activity" to include "feasibility studies, potential application studies, plans for symposia and conferences, and papers and presentations on this subject area. "

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Mr. Nitze has signed such a memorandum [redacted] paraphrased TOP SECRET version. Copies are attached for your information.

We consider the new memorandum to cover the entire area of our security interest.

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Asst Deputy Director for
Plans & Policy

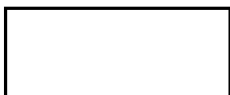
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